(d) what steps Govt. have taken to provide these medicines at' reason able prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that the market prices of Ethambutol and Rifampicin in bulk are much cheaper than notified prices;

(i) whether Govt, have verified the purchase invoices of these drugs; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRl MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (g) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recommended, to the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, the inclusion of identified drugs under the National Health Programmes for control of T.B. and Leprosy, in the Category I of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987. The Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Industry, is responsible for pricing, production and availability of drugs.

Exclusion of STD Drugs from Price Control Order

154. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 938 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to tha policy decision all the drugs required for diseases under National Health Programme were to be covered under Price Control Order; if so, what are the reasons for which the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare did not recommend Erythromycin, Probenieid, Spectinomycin Ce-phalosprin, Penicillin in different forms which are used for STD one of the diseases under National Health Programme, for prioe control;

(b) what are the reasons for whichi the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had deviated from the policy decision and what action has been taken against those responsible;

(c) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are reviewing their recommendations;

(d) if so, bywhen the revised re-commendations would be sent; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA); (a) to (e) Drugs used for the STD Control Programmes are mainly anti-biotics which have been included in Category II of the Drugs Price Control Order. However, these are now being evaluated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for Category I price control recommendations to the Department of Chemicals.

Exclusion of Drugs for Diabeties, STD and Mental Health from Price Control Order

155. SHRl RAM CHANDRA VIKAL;
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1122 giv- * en in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had not recommended drugs required for Diabetes, STD and Mental Health which are covered under National Health Programmes for inclusion under price control orders;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the policy decision and under what circumstance the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare deviated from the policy decision; and